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TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

Weather Record.

At Bingham's drug store, for the week ending Jan. 5, 1887.	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday	2	-3
Friday	10	-17
Saturday	32	11
Sunday	6	1
Monday	-6	-8
Tuesday	-1	-5
Wednesday	21	3

The dash indicates below zero.

NEW ADS IN THIS PAPER.

C. C. Bingham—Reliable Druggs.
Prior & Bagley—Boots and Shoes.
W. F. Richardson—Transfer Farm.
J. C. Peck—Peck Farm.
J. C. Peck—Probate of Will.
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BRIEF LOCALS.

—C what C. C. Bingham keeps as recorded in his new advertisement in this issue.

The meeting of the Masons of the 12th Masonic district comes next week Thursday at West Bur.

—Isaac Gustin has engaged in the manufacture of excelsior in the old Buzzell shop on Mill street.

—Dr. E. W. Royce, as will be seen by his advertisement elsewhere, has located at the Avenue house.

—Albert Morgan of West Concord has bought the late Simon Peck's farm on the edge of Danville, for \$3100.

—Readers will be likely to examine the second page pretty carefully this week, and they are charged not to omit the first paragraph.

—The St. Johnsbury band will give a promenade concert in town hall the 13th. The band is in good trim and will give a good concert.

—An \$80,000 or \$90,000 fire at Hanover, Tuesday, burned the hotel, the Tontine block, part of Whitcomb's block and a number of dwellings.

—Hiram Atkins is expected here today to investigate the Summerville postoffice business. Charles Weeks is making an effort to secure the position.

—Special religious meetings in observance of the week of prayer are being held this week at the various churches. Considerable interest is manifested.

—The young people of the Universalist church will hold a "hard times" social Friday evening of this week. Prizes are to be awarded to the most unique costume.

—The meeting of the Board of Agriculture for Caledonia county will be held at West Burke, Jan. 18 and 19. Every farmer in the county should plan to attend these meetings.

—A particularly luminous sun-dog attracted the attention of many observers Thursday afternoon. All sorts of storms and dire disasters were prophesied as a result but were not verified.

—One of A. L. Bailey's horses broke a leg Monday and had to be shot. The horse was in his stall, which was in perfect repair, and how in the world he managed to kick up enough to break a leg is a mystery.

—Julius Esty has made, among other things, appointments to the staff of his regiment: Carl M. Spencer to be lieutenant and commissary, and E. A. Morse to be sergeant and left general guide, both of St. Johnsbury.

—Some 25 couples, members of the P. G. club and their friends, took a sleighride to Danville Friday night. Supper was served at the Elm house and a dance followed. Two four-horse sleighs and a number of single sleighs did the conveying.

—The scribe called on a good pastor, who lives in the south part of the town, Tuesday morning and though the mercury had crawled down to more than 30° below zero, found him out in the garden trimming trees! It's a cold day when a native St. Johnsburyite recognizes the fact.

—Rev. F. E. Davison delivered the first of a series of illustrated sermons Sunday evening. His subject at this meeting was Elijah. Next Sunday evening he will talk about Naaman the leper. The illustrations are very fine, and prove an addition to the discourses, which are full of interest.

—W. H. Herrick, for five years or more leader of the St. Johnsbury band and at present organized, has resigned that position. For many years Mr. Herrick has been identified with the musical interests of the village and has done much to bring the band up to its present high standard. The organization will still be maintained, and a promenade concert will be given soon, probably the latter part of next week.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. F. Walker is enjoying a ten days' jaunt in New York and Boston.

George S. Groat, express messenger, has removed to White River Junction.

Francis Richardson of Lancaster, N. H. spent the holidays with friends in St. Johnsbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Tibbetts of Knowlton, P. Q., are visiting at her father's, L. C. Harlow.

Rev. Charles A. Savage of Berkeley, Cal., formerly teacher in the academy here, is visiting friends in town for a few days.

Wilbur Walker, who returned from Boston last week, is employed in the Passumpsic clothing store in place of Fred Woodbury, resigned.

Frank Harris is employed at Moore's clothing store on Railroad street.

L. B. Jones, the electrician at the scale works, is obliged to leave Vermont on account of his health. His place will be taken for the present by E. R. Whitney of Manchester, N. H., who is interested in some of the electrical patents. Mr. Jones has been confined to the house much of the winter and will go soon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Howard leave Boston to-day for a trip to California, expecting to be absent three or four months. They go with a Raymond party via Chicago, Kansas City, Santa Fe and the southern route, expecting to reach the Raymond hotel at South Pasadena on Saturday of next week. The party spent next Sabbath at Chicago and one day at Santa Fe, en route. A prosperous journey and a safe return!

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The various reports showed that there are now 422 members in the church; of these 312 are resident and 110 non-resident. There were 26 removals; 18 by letters to other churches and 8 by death. There have been 8 additions during the year. Average congregations 366. The monthly contributions for benevolent purposes amounted to \$1168; by the ladies' society for home and foreign missions \$450 additional. The reports of the 34 smaller societies have not been rendered. In the Sunday-school the present membership is 380; average attendance during the year, 244. Penny contributions \$142; from other collections, \$41.

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What They are Doing in St. Johnsbury.

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